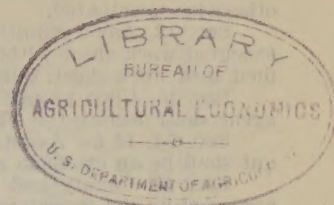


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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
of
COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION
for the
SOUTHERN REGION



Article I.—Name

SECTION 1. The name of this Association shall be the County Agricultural Conservation Association of

{County}
{Parish}

(State)

(hereinafter referred to as the "Association").

Article II.—Purpose

SECTION 2. The Association, as authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary"), shall aid in the administration of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), and shall not engage in any other activity. There shall be only one such Association for any county, except as may otherwise be prescribed by the Secretary.

These Articles shall be subject to amendment by the Secretary.

Article III.—Membership

SECTION 3. Any person who, in connection with farming operations in 1936 on a farm located in the county, could become entitled to a grant under the provisions of the 1936 Agricultural Conservation Program shall be considered a member of the Association but shall cease to be a member of the Association upon his failure to file a properly executed Work Sheet for 1936 within the time fixed for such filing, or when it is established that he will not qualify for a grant pursuant to the provisions of the 1936 Program. Any such person who receives a grant in 1936 pursuant to such Program shall be a member of the Association for the remainder of the year 1936 and also for the year 1937, but shall cease to be a member for 1937 upon his failure to file a properly executed Work Sheet for 1937 within the time fixed for such filing. Membership may be acquired for 1937 upon the same terms and conditions in connection with the 1937 Program as apply to the acquisition of membership in connection with the 1936 Program. There shall be no membership dues. Subject to appeal to the Secretary, the decision of the County Agricultural Conservation Committee (hereinafter referred to as "County Committee") as to cessation of membership shall be final. A farm shall be deemed to be located within the county if its principal dwelling is situated therein, and a tract of land having no dwelling shall be deemed to be located within the county if the major portion of such tract is situated therein.

Article IV.—Representative of the Secretary

SECTION 4. The County Agent shall be the representative of the Secretary in all matters affecting the Association, unless otherwise provided by the Secretary.

SEC. 5. The County Agent, or such other representative of the Secretary as may be designated therefor, in accordance with instructions by the Regional Director, shall, prior to the community election meetings, designate the appropriate number and boundaries of communities within the county.

SEC. 6. The County Agent shall be the custodian of all records of the Association, of the County Committee, and of the Community Committee. He shall maintain files of copies of all work sheets and applications, and of such other records as may be necessary or required. The books, records, documents, and accounts of the Association shall be available at all reasonable times for examination by officers and committeemen of the Association in connection with the performance of their duties, by any authorized representative of the Secretary, and by any member of the Association insofar as his interests under the program may be affected. All books, records, documents, papers, and accounts of the Association are and shall remain the property of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and are to be safely maintained in good order in the office of the County Agent.

Article V.—Committees and Officers

SECTION 7. Community election meetings in all communities of the Association shall be held upon call of the County Agent, at such time or times as may be prescribed by the Regional Director. At each such election meeting a Community Agricultural Conservation Committee (hereinafter referred to as "Community Committee") consisting of three regular members and one alternate shall be nominated from the floor and elected by written ballot from among the members of the Association living in the community. Notice of such meeting shall be given to members. Such notice may be given by mail, by posting of notices in public places in the community, or by newspaper announcements.

The members of the Association in attendance at the community meeting shall nominate a presiding officer and secretary. The presiding officer shall call the meeting to order and preside throughout the meeting. The secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meeting, including the names of the community committeemen elected, and shall in writing report such proceedings to the County Agent.

The Community Committee from its membership shall designate a chairman and vice chairman.

SEC. 8. The chairmen of the Community Committees shall elect from their number three members, who shall constitute the County Committee, and also one alternate member who shall serve on the County Committee at any time any regular member is unable to serve. With the approval of the Regional Director, two additional members may be elected to serve on the County Committee.

In electing the County Committee the policy shall be to elect persons who, as a group, fairly represent the agricultural interests of the Association members in all parts of the county.

SEC. 9. The County Committee, when elected, shall designate one of its members as chairman. Such chairman shall by virtue of such chairmanship act as president of the Association. He shall preside at all meetings of the County Committee, and of the Association, and perform the usual duties of a presiding officer. Such committee shall also designate one of its members vice chairman, who, in the absence of the chairman, or in the event of his inability to serve, shall perform the duties of the chairman.

SEC. 10. If any vacancy or vacancies occur in the membership of the Community Committee, the County Agent shall call a community meeting within the community for the purpose of filling such vacancy or vacancies in accordance with the method and subject to the requirements as to qualifications governing the original election of such committeemen. Such meeting shall be held as soon as practicable after the occurrence of the vacancy or vacancies, and whenever the date of the vacancy or vacancies can be ascertained in advance it should be held not later than such date. If any vacancy or vacancies occur in the membership of the County Committee, such vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the chairmen of the Community Committees in accordance with procedure outlined in section 8 herein.

SEC. 11. A committeeman shall hold office until his successor is elected and qualifies for office, unless his tenure of office is otherwise terminated.

SEC. 12. Any committeeman elected shall become ineligible to serve in the event such committeeman fails to file a properly executed work sheet within 15 days from the date when such work sheet forms are ready for signing in the county; or, having filed such work sheet, fails to qualify for a grant under the Act.

SEC. 13. Upon proper showing of the incompetency or ineligibility of any committeeman, the Secretary or his authorized agent shall declare the office vacant, and the resulting vacancy shall be filled as is herein provided.

SEC. 14. If an Assistant in Agricultural Conservation (hereinafter referred to as "Assistant") is employed, such assistant shall be an ex-officio member of the Association and secretary to the County Committee.

SEC. 15. County and Community Committeemen will be allowed compensation for the time actually employed at a rate approved by the Secretary.

SEC. 16. No member of a committee shall receive compensation for any period of time utilized by him in the performance of duties on any other committee for which he receives compensation. Officers, committeemen, and employees of the Association may be allowed compensation at a rate approved by the Regional Director.

Article VI.—Eligibility to Serve on Committee

SECTION 17. Any member of the Association is eligible to serve as a County or Community Committeeman if such member

- (a) derives the principal part of his income directly from farming;
- (b) is a resident of the county or community for which the committee acts;
- (c) is not holding or does not become a candidate for a major county or a State or Federal office;
- (d) does not actively solicit support for election as committeeman;
- (e) does not have a father, son, brother, mother, daughter, sister, wife, or husband serving as a member of the State Board for the State in which is located the county for which the committee acts, or serving on the same committee.

The tenure of office of any County or Community Committeeman who is or becomes ineligible under the provisions of this section shall forthwith terminate and a successor shall be elected as herein provided.

Article VII.—Voting

SECTION 18. Only members of the Association shall be entitled to vote. Each member shall be entitled to one vote in each community in which is located a farm in connection with which he could become entitled to a payment under the Act. There shall be no voting by proxy.

Article VIII.—Duties of Committees and Officers

SECTION 19. Each Community Committee shall assist in preparing, checking, receiving, and approving work sheets, and shall make recommendations concerning payments of grants, assist in notifying members of meetings, ascertain and report, when requested by the County Committee, the total acreage and production of soil-depleting crops and the acreage and utilization of soil-improving crops; and obtain such other data as may be necessary or may be deemed desirable for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Act.

SEC. 20. The County Committee shall review all work sheets, applications, and other documents filed with them and, pursuant to rulings, regulations, and instructions, shall make recommendations to the Secretary concerning the advisability of making grants to applicants upon proof of having qualified to receive them under the provisions of the Act.

The County Committee shall hold such hearings and conduct such investigations as may be necessary in the performance of its duties, and shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned to it.

SEC. 21. It shall be the duty of every committeeman having knowledge of erroneous data or misrepresentations contained in a work sheet, or an application, to inform the County Committee. The County Committee shall take cognizance of every such report, investigate and ascertain the facts concerning the case, and report their findings, action, or recommendation in writing to the County Agent, who in turn shall submit the report to the State Agricultural Conservation Committee.

SEC. 22. No member of a committee shall pass upon any work sheet or application covering a farm in which he is directly or indirectly interested.

SEC. 23. A majority of the members of any committee shall constitute a quorum for the transacting of business.

Article IX.—Meetings

SECTION 24. Meetings of the members of the Association in any community for the purpose of transacting business may be called by the County Agent or chairman of the Community Committee, and meetings for the county-at-large for the purpose of transacting business may be called by the County Agent or president of the Association. Meetings of the County Committee or a Community Committee may be called by the chairman of the committee or the County Agent.

Article X.—The Association in County without County Agent

SECTION 25. In counties having no County Agent the District Agent of the State Extension Service in whose district such county is located may serve in the capacity of a County Agent, or may designate another person to perform the duties of County Agent in carrying out the provisions of the Act.

Approval by Secretary of Agriculture

The above Articles of Association are hereby approved as of the day of, 1936, and the Association is hereby authorized to operate in accordance with such Articles.

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Secretary of Agriculture.
(For and on behalf of the United States)

By

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION (AS AMENDED)

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION—SOUTHERN REGION

Article I.—Name

SECTION 1.—The name of this Association shall be the County Agricultural Conservation Association of _____ County, _____ (State) (hereinafter referred to as the Association).

Article II.—Purpose

SEC. 2.—The Association is organized subject to approval by the Secretary of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as the Secretary) for the purpose of cooperating with the Secretary and the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in carrying out the provisions of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act and performing such services, in connection with the agricultural conservation programs or other agricultural programs, as may be authorized by the Secretary, but shall not engage in any other activity.

There shall be only one such Association for any county except as may otherwise be prescribed by the Secretary. These Articles shall be subject to amendment by the Secretary.

Article III.—Membership

SEC. 3.—Any person having an interest in the crops or the proceeds thereof produced on any farm or ranch in the county in 1937 shall become a member of the Association when the owner or operator of such farm or ranch signifies his intention to file a work sheet covering such farm or ranch under the 1937 program within the time specified.

Any person engaged in farming or ranching on land for which a work sheet is not filed under the 1937 program within the time specified shall cease to be a member, or when it is established that any person engaged in farming or ranching on land for which a work sheet has been filed will not qualify for a payment pursuant to the provisions of the 1937 program, such person shall cease to be a member.

There shall be no membership dues received or any donations accepted.

Article IV.—Eligibility to serve as an officer or committeeman

SEC. 4.—Any member of the Association is eligible to serve as a committeeman if such member—

- (a) is engaged in farming and derives the principal part of his income directly from farming;
- (b) is a resident of the county or community for which the committee acts;
- (c) is not holding or does not become a candidate for a Federal, State, or major county office regularly filled by appointment or by an election held pursuant to law;
- (d) is not an officer, manager, or employee of any political party or partisan organization;
- (e) does not actively solicit support for election as committeeman;
- (f) does not have a father, son, brother, mother, daughter, sister, wife, or husband serving as a member of the State committee for the State in which is located the county for which the committee acts, or serving on the same committee.

The tenure of office of any committeeman who is or becomes ineligible under the provisions of this section shall forthwith terminate and a successor shall be named as herein provided.

The office, clerical, mailing, or other facilities of the Association shall not be used for private business, for political purposes, or in any way to support or to assist any political candidate, party, or partisan movement.

Article V.—Directors, officers, and committees

SEC. 5.—The Board of Directors of the Association (hereinafter referred to as the Board) shall be composed of the chairmen of the community committees for the communities of the county.

In counties with only one community the Board shall be composed of not less than three nor more than five duly elected members of the community committee. In counties with two or three communities the Board shall be composed of the chairman and vice chairman of each community committee.

SEC. 6.—The Board shall elect from its membership a president of the Association, who shall also serve as chairman of the Board and chairman of the county committee.

SEC. 7.—The Board shall elect from its membership a vice president of the Association, who shall also serve as vice chairman of the Board and as vice chairman of the county committee. The vice president shall serve respectively as acting president of the Association and as acting chairman of the Board or county committee in the absence of the president of the Association, chairman of the Board, or chairman of the county committee.

SEC. 8.—The Board shall elect from its membership one person who, together with the president and vice president of the Association, shall constitute the county committee, except as may otherwise be provided by the Director of the Southern Division.

SEC. 9.—The Board shall, except as otherwise provided, elect from its membership one alternate member of the county committee who shall serve only in the absence of any regular member.

SEC. 10.—The county committee as constituted shall fairly represent the respective agricultural interests of the county, and should have as a member at least one person, if available, who served on the county committee in 1936.

SEC. 11.—The county agent shall be the secretary of the Association.

SEC. 12.—Upon recommendation by the State Director of Extension and approval by the Director of the Southern Division, an Assistant in Agricultural Conservation (hereinafter referred to as the Assistant), who shall be the assistant secretary and treasurer of the Association, may be appointed.

If an Assistant for the county is not appointed, the county agent shall designate, subject to approval by the State Director of Extension and the Director of the Southern Division, an employee of his office to serve as assistant secretary and treasurer of the Association.

SEC. 13.—Each community shall have a committee of three regular members and one alternate, except that in counties with only one community the committee may be composed of not less than three nor more than five regular members and one alternate. Such committee members and alternate shall be elected by written ballot at the election meeting in the community from among the members of the Association living therein and shall fairly represent the respective agricultural interests of the community. At the election meeting eligible members of the 1936 community committee shall first be voted upon and the member who receives the highest number of votes shall serve as a community committeeman for 1937. Following nominations from the floor the other community committeemen and the alternate shall be elected by a majority vote of the members of the Association present.

The community committee at its first meeting shall elect a chairman from its membership.

The community committee at its first meeting from its membership shall elect a vice chairman who shall serve as chairman of the community committee and as a member of the Board in the absence of the regularly elected chairman.

SEC. 14.—In the event of a vacancy in the chairmanship of any community committee, the vice chairman shall serve as chairman and member of the Board, but shall not succeed to any position held by his predecessor as an officer of the Association or member of the county committee unless so elected, and the alternate member shall serve as a regular member of the community committee. If any further vacancy or vacancies occur in the membership of the community committee, the secretary of the Association, upon notification by the president of the Association, shall call a meeting within the community for the purpose of filling such vacancy or vacancies and electing an alternate, in accordance with the method and subject to the requirements as to qualifications governing the original election. Such meeting shall be held as soon as practicable after the occurrence of the vacancy or vacancies, and whenever the date of the vacancy or vacancies can be ascertained in advance, it should be held not later than such date.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of president of the Association the vice president shall serve as president, chairman of the Board, and of the county committee, respectively, and the alternate member of the county committee shall serve as a regular member of the county committee. At the next meeting of the Board, an alternate member shall be elected to serve on the county committee in the absence of any regular member.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of vice president of the Association the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the method governing the original election of such officer.

SEC. 15.—All directors, elected officers, and members of committees shall hold office until their successors in office have been elected and have qualified, except that any officer elected by the Board, or any member of the county committee or community committees may be removed by the Board for failure to perform the duties of his office or for fraud or incompetency. If the Board does not act promptly in such cases, the Director of the Southern Division may remove any such officer or committeeman.

SEC. 16.—Officers (other than the secretary), committeemen, and employees of the Association may be allowed payment for services at rates approved by the Director of the Southern Division. The incurring and payment of other administrative expenses in connection with the operation of the Association and the accounting for any funds thereof shall be governed by instructions issued by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. In computing payments to persons whose applications have been approved, there shall be deducted such part as shall, under rulings prescribed by the Secretary, be determined to be such person's pro-rata share of the estimated administrative expenses incurred and to be incurred in carrying out the 1937 program.

Article VI.—Duties of directors, officers, and committees

SEC. 17.—Directors, elected officers, and committeemen may be reimbursed only for such time as is actually necessary to perform their authorized duties pertaining to the 1937 program.

SEC. 18.—The Board may recommend changes in the community boundaries. The Board shall prepare and submit, in accordance with instructions issued by the Director of the Southern Division, a budget estimate for the 1937 program for consideration by the State committee and approval by the State Director of Extension and the Director of the Southern Division, and at the same time shall prepare and submit on a quarterly basis budget estimates in conformity with the estimated budget for the 1937 program for consideration by the State committee and approval by the State Director of Extension. The Board shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Director of the Southern Division.

SEC. 19.—The county committee shall review all forms and other documents filed in the county in connection with the 1937 program and shall make available for public inspection in the Association office information in connection with the 1937 program, including information with respect to the acres in each soil-depleting and soil-conserving base, the average yields or productivity index established for each farm owned or operated in the county by members of the Association, payments received by members (the latter to be made available for public inspection not sooner than 30 nor later than 60 days after the receipt thereof), and expenses of the Association. The county committee shall upon request of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration make such recommendations, in accordance with the regular procedure, regarding current and future programs as it shall consider to be in the interests of better land use and conservation. The county committee shall, in accordance with instructions, hold such hearings and conduct such investigations as may be necessary in the performance of its duties, and shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Director of the Southern Division.

SEC. 20.—For the purpose of hearing appeals by members of the Association from the recommendations of the county committee, the president of the Association and two members of the Board, other than county committeemen to be designated by the Board or as may otherwise be provided, shall act as an appeals board to consider such appeals in accordance with instructions issued by the Secretary.

SEC. 21.—The county agent as secretary of the Association shall be custodian of all records of the Association, shall employ all help needed in the county in connection with the 1937 program subject to approval by the State Director of Extension. He shall certify to the State committee results of elections held in the communities and county, which in turn will be transmitted by such committee to the State Director of Extension and to the Director of the Southern Division. He shall maintain, in the Association office, files of all forms and documents filed in the county in connection with the 1937 program and perform such other duties pertaining to the 1937 program as may be assigned by the State Director of Extension.

SEC. 22.—The county agent, or such other representative of the Secretary as may be designated therefor, shall, in accordance with instructions, designate prior to the community election meetings the appropriate number and boundaries of communities within the county.

SEC. 23.—The assistant secretary and treasurer of the Association shall prepare records showing distribution of payments, prepare for transmittal to the State Director of Extension statements of administrative expenses incurred in accordance with each monthly estimate of expenses approved by the president and the secretary of the Association in conformity with previously approved quarterly budgets and authorized by the State Director of Extension, and perform such other duties pertaining to the 1937 program as may be assigned by the Director of the Southern Division through the State Director of Extension.

SEC. 24.—The books, records, documents, and accounts of the Association shall be available at all times for examination by officers and committeemen of the Association, by members of its Board in connection with the performance of their duties, by any authorized representative of the Secretary, and by any member of the Association only insofar as his interests under the program may be affected, provided always that any such examination shall not hamper or impede the discharge of the work of the Association, the Board, or any such officer, committee, employee, or the county agent.

All books, records, documents, papers, and accounts of the Association are and shall remain the property of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and are to be safely maintained in good order in the Association office.

SEC. 25.—The community committees shall assist in preparing, checking, and approving applicable forms and documents filed in the county in connection with the 1937 program. They shall also assist the secretary in arranging meetings and ascertain and report such data as may be required by the county committee for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the 1937 program.

Article VII.—Voting

SEC. 26.—Each member of the Association shall be entitled to one vote at community meetings. There shall be no voting by proxy.

SEC. 27.—Each member of the Board, county committee, or community committees shall be entitled to one vote at meetings of the respective bodies. There shall be no voting by proxy.

Article VIII.—Meetings

SEC. 28.—Community election meetings in all communities other than for filling vacancies shall be held at such time or times as may be prescribed by the Director of the Southern Division. The results of community elections shall be certified to the secretary of the Association in an appropriate manner.

SEC. 29.—Other community meetings of the members of the Association may be called by the secretary of the Association for the purpose of discussing and disseminating information, for receiving and acting upon communications to the membership concerning Association activities under the 1937 program, and, in accordance with section 14, for the purpose of filling vacancies in the membership of community committees.

SEC. 30.—A meeting of the community chairmen elected at community meetings pursuant to section 28 shall be called by the secretary of the Association for the purpose of organizing the Board as soon as practicable after the community election meetings have been held.

At such meeting the order of business shall be as follows:

(a) The roll of the communities shall be called by the secretary of the Association.
(b) Chairmen of community committees shall present to the secretary of the Association evidence of election and shall thereupon assume office as members of the Board.

(c) The following officers of the Association who shall also serve as members of the county committee shall be elected:
(1) President.
(2) Vice president.

(d) The roster of the county committee shall be completed by the election of the following:
(1) Other member(s) as authorized.
(2) One alternate member.

(e) Consideration of estimated expenditures for the necessary operation of the Association in connection with the 1937 program.
(f) Other business pertaining to the operation of the 1937 program.

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SEC. 37.—An Association may include two or more counties, or, upon approval by the Director of the Southern Division, two or more Associations may consolidate, or an Association covering two or more counties may form two or more Associations.

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CERTIFICATION	APPROVAL BY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
We hereby certify that on the _____ day of _____, 193____, a meeting was held at which the Board of Directors of the Association was formed in accordance with the foregoing Articles of Association. A copy of the minutes of such meeting is attached.	The above Articles of Association are hereby approved as of the _____ day of _____, 193____.
_____ President of the Association.	_____ Secretary of Agriculture.
_____ Secretary of the Association.	By: _____

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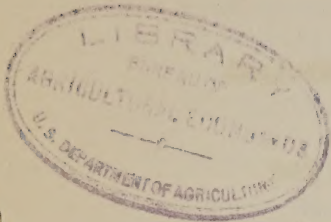
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The Community Committee at its first meeting shall elect a chairman from its membership.

The Community Committee at its first meeting from its membership shall elect a vice chairman who shall serve as chairman of the Community Committee and as a member of the Board in the absence of the regularly elected chairman.

Sec. 14. In the event of a vacancy in the chairmanship of any Community Committee, the vice chairman shall serve as chairman and member of the Board, but shall not succeed to any position held by his predecessor as an officer of the Association or member of the County Committee unless so elected, and the alternate member shall serve as a regular member of the Community Committee. If any further vacancy or vacancies occur in the membership of the Community Committee, the secretary of the Association, upon notification by the president of the Association, shall call a meeting within the community for the purpose of filling such vacancy or vacancies and electing an alternate, in accordance with the method and subject to the requirements as to qualifications governing the original election. Such meeting shall be held as soon as practicable after the occurrence of the vacancy or vacancies, and whenever the date of the vacancy or vacancies can be ascertained in advance, it should be held not later than such date.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of president of the Association the vice president shall serve as president, chairman of the Board, and of the County Committee, respectively, and the alternate member of the County Committee shall serve as a regular member of the County Committee. At the next meeting of the Board, an alternate member shall be elected to serve on the County Committee in the absence of any regular member.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of vice president of the Association the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the method governing the original election of such officer.

Sec. 15. All directors, elected officers, and members of committees shall hold office until their successors in office have been elected and have qualified, except that any officer elected by the Board, or any member of the County Committee or Community Committees may be removed by the Board for failure to perform the duties of his office or for fraud or incompetency. If the Board does not act promptly in such cases, the Director of the Southern Division may remove any such officer or committeeman.

Sec. 16. Officers (other than the secretary), committeemen, and employees of the Association may be allowed payment for services at rates approved by the Director of the Southern Division. The incurring and payment of other administrative expenses in connection with the operation of the Association and the accounting for any funds thereof shall be governed by instructions issued by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. In computing payments to persons whose applications have been approved, there shall be deducted such part as shall, under rulings pre-

scribed by the Secretary, be determined to be such person's pro-rata share of the estimated administrative expenses incurred and to be incurred in carrying out the 1937 program.

ARTICLE VI. - DUTIES OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS,
AND COMMITTEES

Section 17. Directors, elected officers, and committeemen may be reimbursed only for such time as is actually necessary to perform their authorized duties pertaining to the 1937 program.

Sec. 18. The Board may recommend changes in the community boundaries. The Board shall prepare and submit, in accordance with instructions issued by the Director of the Southern Division, a budget estimate for the 1937 program for consideration by the State Committee and approval by the State Director of Extension and the Director of the Southern Division, and at the same time shall prepare and submit on a quarterly basis budget estimates in conformity with the estimated budget for the 1937 program for consideration by the State Committee and approval by the State Director of Extension. The Board shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Director of the Southern Division.

Sec. 19. The County Committee shall review all forms and other documents filed in the county in connection with the 1937 program and shall make available for public inspection in the Association office information in connection with the 1937 program, including information with respect to the acres in each soil-depleting and soil-conserving base, the average yields or productivity index established for each farm owned or operated in the county by members of the Association, payments received by members (the latter to be made available for public inspection not sooner than thirty nor later than sixty days after the receipt thereof), and expenses of the Association. The County Committee shall upon request of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration make such recommendations, in accordance with the regular procedure, regarding current and future programs as it shall consider to be in the interests of better land use and conservation. The County Committee shall, in accordance with instructions, hold such hearings and conduct such investigations as may be necessary in the performance of its duties, and shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Director of the Southern Division.

Sec. 20. For the purpose of hearing appeals by members of the Association from the recommendations of the County Committee, the president of the Association and two members of the Board, other than county committeemen to be designated by the Board or as may otherwise be provided, shall act as an appeals board to consider such appeals in accordance with instructions issued by the Secretary.

Sec. 21. The County Agent as secretary of the Association shall be custodian of all records of the Association, shall employ all help needed in the county in connection with the 1937 program subject to approval by the State Director of Extension. He shall certify to the State Committee results of elections held in the communities and county, which in turn will be transmitted by such committee to the State Director of Extension and to the Director of the Southern Division. He shall maintain, in the Association office, files of all forms and documents filed in the county in connection with the 1937 program and perform such other duties pertaining to the 1937 program as may be assigned by the State Director of Extension.

Sec. 22. The County Agent, or such other representative of the Secretary as may be designated therefor, shall, in accordance with instructions, designate prior to the community election meetings the appropriate number and boundaries of communities within the county.

Sec. 23. The assistant secretary and treasurer of the Association shall prepare records showing distribution of payments, prepare for transmittal to the State Director of Extension statements of administrative expenses incurred in accordance with each monthly estimate of expenses approved by the president and the secretary of the Association in conformity with previously approved quarterly budgets and authorized by the State Director of Extension, and perform such other duties pertaining to the 1937 program as may be assigned by the Director of the Southern Division through the State Director of Extension.

Sec. 24. The books, records, documents, and accounts of the Association shall be available at all times for examination by officers and committeemen of the Association, by members of its Board in connection with the performance of their duties, by any authorized representative of the Secretary, and by any member of the Association only insofar as his interests under the program may be affected, provided always that any such examination shall not hamper or impede the discharge of the work of the Association, the Board, or any such officer, committee, employee, or the County Agent.

All books, records, documents, papers, and accounts of the Association are and shall remain the property of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and are to be safely maintained in good order in the Association office.

Sec. 25. The Community Committees shall assist in preparing, checking, and approving applicable forms and documents filed in the county in connection with the 1937 program. They shall also assist the secretary in arranging meetings and ascertain and report such data as may be required by the County Committee for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the 1937 program.

ARTICLE VII. - VOTING

Section 26. Each member of the Association shall be entitled to one vote at community meetings. There shall be no voting by proxy.

Sec. 27. Each member of the Board, County Committee, or Community Committees shall be entitled to one vote at meetings of the respective bodies. There shall be no voting by proxy.

ARTICLE VIII. - MEETINGS

Section 28. Community election meetings in all communities other than for filling vacancies shall be held at such time or times as may be prescribed by the Director of the Southern Division. The results of community elections shall be certified to the secretary of the Association in an appropriate manner.

Sec. 29. Other community meetings of the members of the Association may be called by the secretary of the Association for the purpose of discussing and disseminating information, for receiving and acting upon communications to the membership concerning Association activities under the 1937 program, and, in accordance with section 14, for the purpose of filling vacancies in the membership of Community Committees.

Sec. 30. A meeting of the community chairmen elected at community meetings pursuant to section 28 shall be called by the secretary of the Association for the purpose of organizing the Board as soon as practicable after the community election meetings have been held.

At such meeting the order of business shall be as follows:

- (a) The roll of the communities shall be called by the secretary of the Association.
- (b) Chairmen of Community Committees shall present to the secretary of the Association evidence of election and shall thereupon assume office as members of the Board.
- (c) The following officers of the Association who shall also serve as members of the County Committee shall be elected:
 - (1) President.
 - (2) Vice president.
- (d) The roster of the County Committee shall be completed by the election of the following:
 - (1) Other member(s) as authorized.
 - (2) One alternate member.

- (e) Consideration of estimated expenditures for the necessary operation of the Association in connection with the 1937 program.
- (f) Other business pertaining to the operation of the 1937 program.

Sec. 31. Meetings of the Board shall be called by the president of the Association only when necessary, for filling a vacancy or vacancies among the officers, for consideration of estimated expenditures, or for the performance of other prescribed duties of the Board.

Sec. 32. Meetings of the County Committee may be called by the secretary of the Association. Due notice of meetings shall be given to all members of the Committee.

Sec. 33. A majority of the members of the Board or of any committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IX. - REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY

Section 34. The County Agent shall be the representative of the Secretary in all matters affecting the Association within the county, unless otherwise provided by the Secretary.

ARTICLE X. - COMMUNITY, COUNTY, AND DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

Section 35. Community boundaries may be determined on the basis of minor civil divisions or on such other basis as may be approved by the Director of the Southern Division. In case the minor civil divisions are followed in determining community boundaries, a community may comprise several such minor civil divisions.

Sec. 36. In counties where, because of geographical or other conditions or because of the small number of Association members, it appears advisable the entire county may, upon approval by the Director of the Southern Division, be considered as one community. In such instances a Board of not less than three nor more than five members, who shall perform the duties of the County Committee and the Community Committee, as well as functioning as the Board, shall be elected at such county-wide meeting.

Sec. 37. An Association may include two or more counties, or, upon approval by the Director of the Southern Division, two or more Associations may consolidate, or an Association covering two or more counties may form two or more Associations.

Sec. 38. An Association formed pursuant to this Article X shall take its name from all counties (listed in alphabetical order) of the Association; except that, upon application by the Board and approval by the State Director of Extension, a different name may be adopted.

Sec. 39. In counties having no County Agent, the District Agent of the State Extension Service, in whose district such county is located, may serve in the capacity of a County Agent, or may designate another person to perform the duties of County Agent in carrying out the provisions of the 1937 program.

CERTIFICATION	APPROVAL BY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
<p>We hereby certify that on the _____ day of _____, 193____, a meeting was held at which the Board of Directors of the Association was formed in accordance with the foregoing Articles of Association. A copy of the minutes of such meeting is attached.</p>	<p>The above Articles of Association are hereby approved as of the _____ day of _____, 193____.</p>
<p>_____ President of the Association</p>	<p>_____ Secretary of Agriculture</p>
<p>_____ Secretary of the Association</p>	<p>By: _____</p>

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Southern Division
February 12, 1937

(State and County Code No.)

COUNTY ROSTER

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AND COUNTY AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEEMEN

(The Board of Directors is composed of Community Committee chairmen.)

(Name) President (Address)

(Name) Vice president (Address)

COUNTY COMMITTEE

(Name) Chairman (Address)

(Name) Vice chairman (Address)

(Name) Member (Address)

(Name) Member (Address)

(Name) Member (Address)

(Name) Alternate (Address)

COMMUNITY COMMITTEES

(Name) Chairman (Address)

(Name) Vice chairman (Address)

(Name) Member (Address)

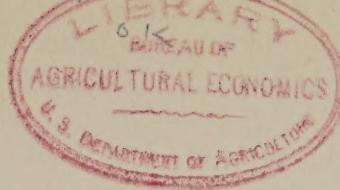
(Name) Alternate (Address)

(Over)

_____	Chairman	_____
(Name)		(Address)
_____	Vice chairman	_____
(Name)		(Address)
_____	Member	_____
(Name)		(Address)
_____	Alternate	_____
(Name)		(Address)
_____	Chairman	_____
(Name)		(Address)
_____	Vice chairman	_____
(Name)		(Address)
_____	Member	_____
(Name)		(Address)
_____	Alternate	_____
(Name)		(Address)
_____	Chairman	_____
(Name)		(Address)
_____	Vice chairman	_____
(Name)		(Address)
_____	Member	_____
(Name)		(Address)
_____	Alternate	_____
(Name)		(Address)

I hereby certify that the above-named persons were elected in
accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association as
committeemen and officers of the County Agricultural Conservation
Association of _____ County, _____ .
(State)

Date _____, 193____. Signed _____
(Month) (Day) (County Agent or other rep-
resentative of the Secretary)



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION
SOUTHERN DIVISION

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION (AS AMENDED)

OF

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION -- SOUTHERN REGION

AMENDMENT 1

Section 4 of Article IV of SR-3 (Revised) is hereby amended by striking out the period at the end of subsection (f) thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon, and by adding the following new subsection (g):

"(g) has not been previously requested by the Secretary, for good cause shown, to resign as county or community committeeman or officer or employee of any commodity production control association or commodity adjustment association or committee organized pursuant to any program formulated under the Agricultural Adjustment Act, or any act auxiliary thereto, or as a county or community committeeman or officer or employee of a county agricultural conservation association organized in connection with the administration of section 8 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, or if the State Committee does not find or has not found that he has failed to perform, or has been incompetent in the performance of, or has committed a fraud in connection with the duties of any office or position formerly or presently held or occupied by him in any of the above-mentioned associations or committees, provided that the ineligibility of any person resulting from one or more of the foregoing provisions may, upon written application of such person, be removed, for good cause shown, by specific authorization of the Secretary or of the State Committee, whichever determined the ineligibility of such person."

